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Environmental Protection Division

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Ms. Beth Fraser
Coosa River Basin Initiative
2887 Alabama Highway
Rome, Georgia 30165

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Re: Response to Comments
General Electric Company Hazardous Waste
Management Facility Permit Renewal

Dear Ms. Fraser:

Thank you for your participation in the Environmental Protection Division's public participation process to help reach a decision on the General Electric Company's application for a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. Your comments and those of other citizens are very helpful in EPD's effort to protect human health and the environment. After careful consideration, we have decided to issue the permit as noticed. There will be many other opportunities for the public to review and have input on clean-up activities at the General Electric site. I hope that you will continue to stay interested and participate in environmental matters of interest in your community.

In addition to the public hearing comments, your March 1998 letter expressed concern about the reissuance of this permit. The concerns presented in your letter and our responses are provided below:

The changes to the definition of Corrective Action, Extent of Contamination, Interim Measures, and Risk-Based Standards and the number of potentially harmful chemicals that have been stricken from the required ground water sampling reports to be submitted only twice a year, concern me.

The proposed changes to the definitions of the terms Corrective Action, Extent of Contamination, Interim Measures, and Risk-Based Standards were developed primarily for clarity of the applicability of the term. In no case did the definition change, subjugate or diminish the authority of EPD to enforce the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act or the requirements of the permit. Additionally, as listed in Permit Condition III.G.5. located on page 19 of the proposed permit, no constituents were deleted from the original list of constituents.

Since you did comment on the permit, you have certain legal rights. Specifically, you are informed of the right to be represented by legal counsel; to petition for a hearing on the changes to this permit within thirty (30) days from the date of issuance of the same; and that such permit shall become final unless a petition for a hearing is filed with the Director as set forth below within thirty (30) days from the date of issuance of the Order.

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The *original and three (3) copies* of any petition for a hearing in this matter shall be filed with the Director by hand delivering same to Ms. Louise Mathis, Filing Clerk, Environmental Protection Division, 205 Butler Street, SE, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, or by mailing same to the Director at the following address:

Mr. Harold F. Reheis
Director
Environmental Protection Division
205 Butler Street, SE
Suite 1152
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

ATTN: Ms. Louise Mathis
Filing Clerk

The Petition for Hearing shall be deemed filed on the date received by the Filing Clerk of when mailed by first class mail, with proper postage attached, and properly addressed, whichever comes first.

A separate copy of any Petition for Hearing shall be served on the Director's counsel of record, to wit:

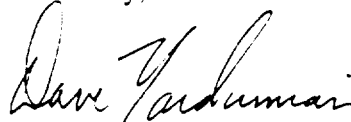
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A copy of the rules governing the filing for a petition for hearing, and the procedures involved in any hearing thereon, may be found at Chapter 391-1-2 of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia published by the Georgia Secretary of State.

Again, we appreciate your participation in this process. Enclosed you will find a copy of the transcript of the public hearing for your use. Neither your letter nor your oral comments requested any specific changes to the permit as proposed, therefore, no changes to the proposed permit were made pursuant to your comments. If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Thomas Williams at (404) 656-2833.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dave Yardumian".

David Yardumian
Unit Coordinator
Hazardous Waste Management Branch

Enclosure

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